

CITY OF BLOOMFIELD
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Mayor Rhonda Hagan called to order the regular monthly meeting of the Bloomfield City Council at 6:30 p.m. at the Bloomfield Fire House. She lead the *Pledge Allegiance to the Flag*. Council members present were Laura Barnett, Tracye Cheek, Denny Howard, Mark Mays, Walter Pozgay and Tammy Wimpsett. Public Works Superintendent Ricky Jewell was present. City Attorney Amanda Rogers Deaton was absent due to the recent birth of a baby girl on August 4th.

MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORTS: Council members were hand delivered meeting packets that included a copy of the July 21, 2014 special meeting minutes and waived the reading. Pozgay made motion, duly seconded by Howard, to approve the meeting minutes. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.* Next, Barnett made a motion, duly seconded by Wimpsett, to approve the financial reports. *Motion carried by unanimous decision.*

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Citizen Billy Allen was on hand to ask what the City's bylaws are in regard to weedy and grassy growth on properties throughout the city. Mayor Hagan addressed his concern by giving him the website address "www.bloomfieldky.com" where he could download the City of Bloomfield's Code of Ordinance to research the City's laws about this particular nuisance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ORDINANCE 2014-94: PROPERTY TAX MORATORIUM: Pozgay conducted the second reading of this ordinance in regard to establishing a program for granting assessment moratoriums for qualifying units of twenty five (25) years old or older properties that are to be repaired, rehabilitated, restored or stabilized. Howard made a motion, duly seconded by Pozgay to adopt the ordinance. *Motion carried, 6-0, by the following roll call vote: Barnet-yes, Howard-yes, Mays-yes, Pozgay-yes, Wimpsett-yes, Cheek-yes.*

ORDINANCE 2014-95: OCCUPATIONAL TAX FOR PRODUCE SELLERS: After reviewing the language for the second reading a discussion followed. As a result of non-consensus, Howard made a motion to table the second reading until next month's meeting to allow the Council time for research. Duly seconded by Barnett *motion carried by unanimous decision.*

MAYOR REPORT: She reported that a proposal is being put together to renovate the kitchen area in the Depot Building serving as City Hall. She also stated that Jewell and Thompson are working to prepare a nature trail around the lake at the City Park. She relayed that she is scheduled to meet with Kentucky Utilities this week about installing more street lighting in the City, especially in Blazer Heights Subdivision.

STAFF REPORT:

PUBLIC WORKS: Superintendent Jewell spoke of the status of the McKay and Colonial Avenues' sidewalk project. He has contacted Phillip Ice with Cedar Creek Concrete and he indicated that the project may begin in September. He informed the Council that AT&T is laying about 35 mile fiber optic system and the water company is undertaking a huge job locating Bloomfield's utility services along the AT&T route to the Anderson County line.

NEW BUSINESS

SETTING TAX RATE:

- **Real Property:** Pozgay moved to adopt the maximum allowable "up to" 4% rate of 0.296 per \$100 value of real property. Duly seconded by Wimpsett *motion failed by 2-4 vote*. Mays moved to adopt a 1% increase with no second motion being heard. After much discussion Pozgay then moved to set the rate of 0.275 per \$100 value of real property. Duly seconded by Cheek *motion carried by a 5-1 affirmative vote*, Mays casting the opposing vote.
- **Personal Property:** Discussion ensued once again. Pozgay moved to set the rate of .578 per \$100 value of personal property, a less than 4% increase. Duly seconded by Howard *motion carried by a 5-1 affirmative vote*, Mays casting the opposing vote.
- **Motor Vehicle:** Pozgay moved to set this rate at .275 per \$100 value on motor vehicles, the same rate set since the 1980s. Duly seconded by Howard *motion carried by unanimous decision*.

ORDINANCE 2014-96, SETTING FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 TAX RATE: Pozgay conducted the first reading of this ordinance with second reading planned for the September regular meeting.

ORDINANCE 2014-97, ADOPTING THE SUPPLEMENT (7) TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCE:

Clerk Jury explained the work she has done with American Legal Publishing in updating the City of Bloomfield Code of Ordinance. Mays read the first reading to adopt the updates through this ordinance with second reading planned for the September meeting.

CONCERNS OF THE COUNCIL

Check spoke of a large hole on Decatur that needs to be filled in.

Pozgay observed the "Welcome Sign" curbing on Hill Street has been damaged recently.

Mays made suggestions on what the 2006 Dennis' \$80,000 Bequest fund could be used. His suggestions were the following; city hall renovation, Park nature trail, additional police officer and cruiser, and more street lighting. He emphasized providing ADA compliance at the Bloomfield Memorial Park fishing lake. Mayor Hagan suggested that he contact Kentucky Fish & Wildlife in regard to the "Fishing In Neighborhoods" program to ask for assistance with the ADA plan. In regard to the Kentucky Flag at the Veteran's Memorial at the Park Mays said he raised the last Ky Flag and it is tattered and needs to be replaced.

ADJOURNMENT

Pozgay made motion, duly seconded by Wimpsett, to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. *Motion carried by unanimous decision*.

Rhonda K. Hagan, Mayor

Jean M. Jury, City Clerk